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SUBJ: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN FAR EAST AND  
COLOMBO PLAN NARCOTICS SEMINAR

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1. DURING VISIT OF UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN FAR EAST TO SRI LANKA OCT 12 TO 18, MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE MET WITH SL OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS-RELATED ACTIVITIES, TOURED GANJA GROWING AREAS AND NORTHERN SRI LANKA WHERE OPIUM IS TRANSHIPPED FROM INDIA, AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERESTED DIPLOMATIC AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL.

2. INFORMAL OPINION OF SEVERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WAS THAT SRI LANKA WAS NOT YET MAJOR LOCATION FOR INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING BUT GSL PERHAPS STILL UNDERESTIMATED EXTENT OF DOMESTIC OPIUM USAGE. ONLY POINT OF OPEN CONTROVERSY AROSE FROM CEYLONESE INSISTENCE THAT INDIA WAS SOURCE OF MOST ILLICIT OPIUM USED HERE, TO EMBARRASSMENT OF INDIAN COMMITTEE MEMBER, WHO SOUGHT TO PLAY DOWN INDIAN ROLE IN SRI LANKA TRAFFIC.

3. FROM US POINT OF VIEW, MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF UN COMMITTEE VISIT WAS OPPORTUNITY IT PRESENTED FOR GSL POLICE NARCOTICS DIVISION AND COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU DRUG ABUSE ADVISOR TO ORGANIZE TWO DAY SEMINAR ON NARCOTICS PROBLEMS FOR GSL OFFICIALS AND OTHER PERSONS IN SRI LANKA INTERESTED IN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL. UN AD HOC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATED IN FIRST DAY OF SEMINAR, ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF DRUG ABUSE AND WAYS NARCOTICS PROBLEMS ARE HANDLED IN COMMITTEE MEMBERS COUNTRIES. INVOLVEMENT OF TWO MAJOR INTERNATIONAL BODIES--UN AND COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU--ENSURED HIGH-LEVEL GSL SUPPORT FOR SEMINAR (DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS LAKSHMAN JAYAKODY SPOKE AT OPENING CEREMONY) AND DREW PARTICIPANTS FROM ALMOST EVERY RELATED GSL AGENCY. DISCUSSION WAS LIVELY, COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF NARCOTICS PROBLEMS FROM POLICE WORK TO REHABILITATION OF ADDICTS. SEMINAR PRODUCED LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO GSL TO STRENGTHEN ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT ALONG BROAD FRONT. PRESS REPORTS FOLLOWING SEMINAR SUGGEST GSL IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING STIFFENING LEGAL PROHIBITIONS AGAINST TRAFFICKING AND POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS, WHICH WAS ONE OF PRIME RECOMMENDATIONS OF SEMINAR.

4. WE BELIEVE VISIT OF UN COMMITTEE, COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU ADVISORS EFFORTS, AND ASSISTANCE OF US DEA IN PROVIDING PAMPHLETS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRAINING AIDS ON VERY SHORT NOTICE WERE EFFECTIVE IN EMPHASIZING TO GSL INTERNATIONAL CONCERN OVER NARCOTICS PROBLEMS AND NEED FOR SRI LANKA TO PLAY MORE ACTIVE PART IN COMBATTING DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL DRUG MENANCE.

5. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.  
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